

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?

Day one

1 CHARLOTTE IS WAITING FOR JOE TO COME HOME

Poor old Joe... another late night...

2

He's been late almost every night for over a month

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This new contract at work is really taking its toll on him... and our relationship

4 CHARLOTTE REMEMBERS HOW IT USED TO BE

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Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU may be given the run around today. Either that, or you'll spend the day walking about in a daze. How annoying. What's more, it's difficult to make plans at the moment. Even so, it seems that a place has already been reserved. Make the most of it. But this is no vacation, so leave your baggage at home. To make sure you go through the right door, call...

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Gemini (May 22-June 22)

YOU may have received an ultimatum out of the blue. And you know just how unpredictable others can be. But for you, the approaching Full Moon in Gemini urges you to make a decision. It has to be made. You've been building up to it. Somehow you won't be playing. To see why you will be sharing new experiences, call...

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Leo (July 24-Aug 23)

IT'S a time when you end up paying twice as much for things. But you are not as hard up or as hard done by as you imagined. Dig deep. Apart from that, you should be delighted by the reception you receive from someone early in the week. What a surprise. But you still don't have to pretend to be friends. To see why it's party time again, call...

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Libra (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IN some ways, you may have been very rampant - but your rampage has to stop. However, not for a moment should you allow the strain and stress to get to you. Admittedly, you might need to step up the pace. Yet, a tantalising call could make you drop everything. To see why what you are pursuing is worth the effort, call...

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Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A RECENT clash between Uranus in Pisces and the Sun in Sagittarius suggests you are disgusted. There really is no excuse for the behaviour of others. However, you'll make exceptions. Indeed, one person has seldom been so sensitive. But as far as one relationship is concerned, you couldn't be more vulnerable. To see why it pays to be nice, call...

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Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU may well feel that you are losing out in life, and not just economically. The good news is that this latest addition to your circle, or an existing relationship, will be preserved. But no matter how much you are adored, you might get very little out of others. To see why love is better second time round, call...

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Taurus (Apr 21-May 21)

A DEAL is viable, but you may have to be a bit more flexible today. It's one thing not having enough money available, but you will probably end up with something, even if you have to ask for it. Falling prey to dreamers and schemers tends to be a lot easier. To see why a sales pitch really could work wonders, call...

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Cancer (June 23-July 23)

IN truth, you may have been hoping for an easier life or a well-deserved break. And who could blame you? Instead, you might be forced to scratch your plans to take on something less grand. You don't know how useful you could be, even if more clauses are inserted today. To see why you could unearth a treasure, call...

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Virgo (Aug 24-Sep 23)

A RELATIONSHIP may have broken up, and you're living in separate houses or on different floors. Unfortunately, that's life. Meanwhile, the approaching Full Moon could make you ambitious. Remember, behind every successful career is a happy family. This is certainly the case this week. To see why this is a labour of love, call...

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Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

MERCURY in Scorpio is now challenged by Saturn in Leo. Unfortunately, it's not just your good name that you have to defend - it looks as though you have made a financial error. Strangely enough, you could wipe out all your personal debts this week. It's a funny old world. To find out why you have more credit than you think, call...

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Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THINGS may not be as clear cut as you would like as the week begins. Mind you, those around you may well marvel at just how resourceful you are. Nor should you feel so apprehensive, even if there is a shake-up. A change has long been overdue. Are you ready for it? To see why there is a silver lining, call...

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Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)

FURTHER misunderstandings are possible, and you could be fuming at having to defend yourself. Why don't people listen to what's being said? But there should be some lovely moments, particularly at home. True, you will have to go out into the larger community this week. Meanwhile, don't you just love families! To find out why your star is rising, call...

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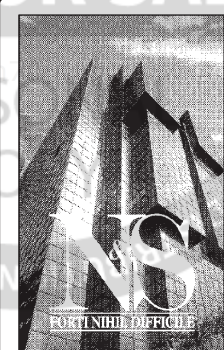
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BARÇA: AM I BOWVERED?



EYE ON THE BALL: Joe Cole says Chelsea will concentrate on their match against Levski – despite Barca's Nou Camp crunch

by SCOTT COLEMAN

JOE COLE insists Chelsea will only be thinking of beating Levski Sofia when they play their final Champions League group game tomorrow – and not laughing at Barcelona.

Having already qualified for the knockout stages Chelsea could be forgiven for keeping one eye on the progress of their bitter rivals as the Champions League heats up.

European champions Barca face the prospect of being dumped out at the very first hurdle if they fail to beat Werder Bremen at the Nou Camp on the final matchday of Group A.

It would be the first time the holders have ever gone out at the group stage and would leave Chelsea – who beat Barca 1-0 at Stamford Bridge and drew 2-2 in the Nou Camp – as the new favourites to win the trophy.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHelsea (Q)	.5	3	1	1	8	4	10
W Bremen	...5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Barcelona	...5	2	2	1	10	4	8
Levski Sofia	...5	0	0	5	1	15	0

in 2007. Ironically it was Chelsea's shock 1-0 defeat in Bremen that left Barcelona in real trouble and the Spaniards go into tomorrow's fixture in third place in the table, two points adrift of second spot.

But whatever happens, top-of-the-table Chelsea won't be taking their eye off the ball.

Cole said: "It's going to be a cracking game at the Nou Camp between Barcelona and Bremen but we're only concerned with beating Levski and finishing top of the group. We can't worry about anything else."

Strong

Cole has also dismissed conspiracy theories that Chelsea deliberately lost in Germany to put Barcelona – who drew 1-1 at Levante on Saturday – in trouble. He added: "We went into the game strong and wanted to win the game and I thought we did well."

"It's not as if we got pumped – we played a good side and felt we should have got a draw."

"The important thing is to make sure we finish top of the group and continue to do well. We want to win the Champions League."

Super Andy can go Farr for England

by SAM PETERS World XV 7 South Africa 32

WORLD XV coach and former Australia boss Bob Dwyer last night insisted Andy Farrell will slot into the England rugby team with ease.

And the former Wallabies supremo believes the former World XV coach has what it takes to fill the role Will Greenwood used to dominate for England.

Dwyer said: "He has everything that's required of the position and I think he could do the job that Will Greenwood used to do for England."

"If I was coaching the England team now I would want someone like Andy Farrell in it."

"On top of being a great player he's also a great communicator."

But Farrell was powerless to prevent the World team going down to the Springboks at Leicester yesterday.

Neat

Farrell, seen by many as the answer to England's troublesome inside centre position, was starved of possession by a dominant Bok pack.

The 31-year-old former Wigan star made some neat contributions with ball in hand, although he missed two straight-forward kicks at goal.

All in all it was an encouraging first taste of 'international' rugby union for Farrell, who could yet make England's opening Six Nations game against Scotland on February 3.

Lawrence Dallaglio also enjoyed a decent afternoon's work, standing out in a World pack that struggled to compete.

South Africa's tries came from Albert van den Berg (2), Danie Rossouw and Wikus van Heerden, while Drew Mitchell scored a late consolation try.

Meanwhile, RFU boss Francis Baron has called for a radical shake-up of



FARRELL: Backed

the English club system to save the national team. Baron, heavily criticised in the wake of coach Andy Robinson's resignation, yesterday hinted a move towards a regional system, as found in Ireland, could be the way forward.

He said: "In the first six years of professionalism England led the way. What has happened is that over the last two to three years countries have put in place better systems than ours, they have leapfrogged us, Ireland in particular."

Director of elite rugby, Rob Andrew, has been given responsibility for finding Robinson's replacement. Baron said: "Rob will make his thoughts clear in the near future, he's not going to be rushed into it."

Padraig's Sun-k

JIM FURYK sealed a comfortable two-stroke victory on the Nedbank Challenge despite five bogeys in his final round.

American star Furyk held off the challenges of Europeans Henrik Stenson and Padraig Harrington as strong winds limited the chances of low scoring rounds at Sun City in South Africa.

Furyk held a three-shot lead going into the last day, but after a scrappy start he

recovered to hit three birdies in a two-over score of 74.

That was enough to leave him two clear of Sweden's Stenson – the only golfer in the 12-man field to break 70 with a score of 69 – with Harrington a further shot behind.

Furyk said: "I had a good cushion, and with the course playing as tough as it was, it was always going to be difficult for someone to shoot 66 and catch me."

"The flags were really tucked away so Padraig couldn't fire straight at them. That kind of set-up is made for my game. I was pretty comfortable."

Harrington, who had been second heading into Sunday's final round, struggled with his putter and was never able to get close enough to mount serious pressure after dropping a shot at the fifth.

MARCUS GRONHOLM cruised to victory in the Wales Rally yesterday after dominating the final event of the World Rally Championship.

The Ford driver led the race for all three days – and increased his overall lead despite not winning any of the day's four stages.

Finland star Gronholm finished well clear of Austria's Manfred Stohl in second, while Norway's Petter Solberg settled for third after four successive victories in Wales. Injured Frenchman Sebastian Loeb, who has already won the world title this season title, missed the event.

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TOM'S VIEW

TOM'S VIEW (9.36) is fancied to prevail at Henlow tonight when an abundance of big names from the sport will attend a gala meeting in aid of Greyhounds' Voice.

With each individual race worth £750, the card has well attracted some quality performers from all over the country, most notably the events over the standard 460m trip.

Charlie Lister only sends two runners, but should not leave empty handed.

And though Tom's View lacks a look round this tricky circuit, he does have a touch of class while his recent workouts suggest he is ready to do himself justice.

Be careful in the opening sprint open as one blink of the eye and you might miss the action.

Ballymac Rooster (7.58) hasn't been in his conquering form of late, but he is seemingly set for a dream run as the sole wide seed and

■ by JIM AUSTIN of the RACING POST

one of his better exits can see him redeem his reputation.

ANNES HONCHO (8.54) hit the headlines when landing the Veterans Derby at Walthamstow last month and Gary Baggs' bitch can win another battle of the greybeards over 460m.

She moved well in a recent trial over C&D and can get a nice round from the likes of Roswell Spaceman, before proving too strong for that particular rival in the second half.

The National Sprint kiffs off over 305m at **Nottingham** next week and there is a batch of trial stakes on display tonight, with some of the leading contenders looking to head into that event full of confidence.

ROXOLME RYAN (7.37) is a pacy sort and Hayley Keightley's brindle can turn the tables on recent conqueror Centaur Striker.

He never got any sort of run then, but a half decent

exit should see him in a different light.

ROXOLME FREDDIE (10.07) is pitched in a very warm Trial stakes, a card that would grace the Final itself.

However, his recent workouts over C&D underline what pace he possesses and he can ensure the drive home for the Keightley camp is that much shorter by landing the spoils.

The red jacket could trip the trap to follow in the other respective trial stakes with MALBAY STONE (8.07), BALLYMAC PETE (8.22), FOOTWORK FANCY (9.07) and BALLYMACKEY LARK (9.52) all holding very sound claims.

Crayford's testing 874m should suit LADY MINSTREL (9.15) who is sure to be a warm order. Tony Collett's bitch failed to shine in the VC Marathon at the Racing Post Festival round Walthamstow, but this is a marked drop in class.

OLDIE: Annes Honcho is veteran tip

NOTTINGHAM TONIGHT

7.37	(Open)	305m	7.37	(Open)	305m
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2441 Brave Falcon (w)	18.40	2441 Brave Falcon (w)	18.40	2441 Brave Falcon (w)	18.40
1142 Beldine Ganga (w)	18.40	1142 Beldine Ganga (w)	18.40	1142 Beldine Ganga (w)	18.40
4362 Controlled (w)	18.40	4362 Controlled (w)	18.40	4362 Controlled (w)	18.40
5448 ROXOLME RYAN (w)	18.40	5448 ROXOLME RYAN (w)	18.40	5448 ROXOLME RYAN (w)	18.40
6 4111 Centaur Striker (w)	18.40	6 4111 Centaur Striker (w)	18.40	6 4111 Centaur Striker (w)	18.40
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3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40
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Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.	
8.22	(Open)	305m	8.22	(Open)	305m
1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40	1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40	1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40
3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40
4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40	4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40	4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40
5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40	5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40	5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40
Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.	
9.07	(Open)	305m	9.07	(Open)	305m
1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40	1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40	1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40
3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40
4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40	4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40	4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40
5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40	5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40	5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40
Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.	
9.37	(Open)	305m	9.37	(Open)	305m
1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40	1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40	1122 MALBAY STONE (w)	18.40
3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40	3423 Penny Jangle (w)	18.40
4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40	4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40	4423 Lady Express (w)	18.40
5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40	5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40	5 141 Timewell (w)	18.40
Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.		Star bettings: 1 Lady Express, 2 Penny Jangle, 3 Lady Express, 4 Penny Jangle, 5 Timewell.	

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HENLOW TONIGHT

7.30	(Open)	460m	7.30	(Open)	460m
SIENNA LATINO (w)	20.00	SIENNA LATINO (w)	20.00	SIENNA LATINO (w)	20.00
4159 Four Miles (w)	20.00	4159 Four Miles (w)	20.00	4159 Four Miles (w)	20.00
2245 Clough Fight (w)	20.00	2245 Clough Fight (w)	20.00	2245 Clough Fight (w)	20.00
3445 Mahon Stale (w)	20.00	3445 Mahon Stale (w)	20.00	3445 Mahon Stale (w)	20.00
3558 Mahon Stale (w)	20.00	3558 Mahon Stale (w)	20.00	3558 Mahon Stale (w)	20.00
1321 DILEMMAS FLIGHT (w)	20.00	1321 DILEMMAS FLIGHT (w)	20.00	1321 DILEMMAS FLIGHT (w)	20.00
Star bettings: 2 Sienna Latino, 3 Four Miles, 4 Clough Fight, 5 Mahon Stale, 6 Dilemmas Flight.		Star bettings: 2 Sienna Latino, 3 Four Miles, 4 Clough Fight, 5 Mahon Stale, 6 Dilemmas Flight.		Star bettings: 2 Sienna Latino, 3 Four Miles, 4 Clough Fight, 5 Mahon Stale, 6 Dilemmas Flight.	
7.44	(Open)	460m	7.44	(Open)	460m
STEALING FORTUNE (w)	20.00	STEALING FORTUNE (w)	20.00	STEALING FORTUNE (w)	20.00
1158 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1158 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1158 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
4314 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4314 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4314 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1554 BALLYMAC ROOSTER (w)	20.00	1554 BALLYMAC ROOSTER (w)	20.00	1554 BALLYMAC ROOSTER (w)	20.00
Star bettings: 2 Stealing Fortune, 3 Pinda Prince, 4 Ballymac Rooster, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Stealing Fortune, 3 Pinda Prince, 4 Ballymac Rooster, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Stealing Fortune, 3 Pinda Prince, 4 Ballymac Rooster, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.	
8.12	(Open)	460m	8.12	(Open)	460m
1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.	
8.26	(Open)	550m	8.26	(Open)	550m
1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.	
8.50	(Open)	460m	8.50	(Open)	460m
1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.	
9.50	(Open)	460m	9.50	(Open)	460m
1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	1152 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00	4165 Pinda Prince (w)	20.00
1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00	1131 ASTUTE GIFT (w)	20.00
Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.		Star bettings: 2 Pinda Prince, 3 Astute Gift, 4 Pinda Prince, 5 Pinda Prince, 6 Pinda Prince.	

SWINDON CARD

11.03	(A6)	480m	11.03	(A6)	480m
2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10
6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10
3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10
3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10
Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.	
11.19	(A6)	480m	11.19	(A6)	480m
2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10
6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10
3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10
3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10
Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.	
11.34	(A6)	480m	11.34	(A6)	480m
2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10
6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10
3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10
3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10
Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.	
11.48	(A6)	480m	11.48	(A6)	480m
2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10	2812 RITAS CHAMPION (w)	30.10
6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10	6155 Grand Bruno (w)	30.10
3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3153 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10	6811 Lungs Lark (w)	30.10
3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10	3546 Dymoke Mill (w)	30.10
3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10	3434 Sandi Frimack (w)	30.10
Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.		Star bettings: 1 Ritas Champion, 2 Grand Bruno, 3 Dymoke Mill, 4 Lungs Lark, 5 Grand Bruno, 6 Sandi Frimack.	

SHEFFIELD BAGS

48:11	(A6)	500m	12:27	1414	LOGAN	3:17
1464	Noma Noma (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
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2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
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2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
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2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
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2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	
2153	Up And Over (w)	30.10	1414	HOBBIT	30.59	

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**SERIOUSLY
football****Boothroyd desperate to avoid more telly-ache**

■ **POINT TO PROVE:**
Watford boss
Aidy Boothroyd
is looking to give
value for money

STU WON'T DUMP DISTIN

STUART PEARCE insists he will not cash in on Sylvain Distin next month even if the Manchester City defender continues to reject a new deal. Spurs boss Martin Jol is the latest Premiership boss to be linked with a move for the unsettled Frenchman, who came close to joining Middlesbrough last summer. Pearce knows he will have a limited

■ **by IAN WINROW**

budget when the transfer window opens and Distin's sale could boost his coffers. But the City chief is adamant he'd rather see him move for nothing next July than lose him for the rest of the season.

Trying

And he has vowed to work overtime to convince the defender that his future lies at the City of Manchester Stadium.

Pearce said: "I've been talking to Sylvain for a year and a half about a new contract and I will be trying even if it takes us to the last hour of his contract to

persuade him to stay. I don't think for one minute that when the transfer window is open I can say 'oh good, I can sell Sylvain Distin and turn some money over'.

"I'd rather keep Sylvain and if he leaves for nothing next summer then that's the way of football these days.

"But the main thing that will make him stay will be performances from the team."

City are expected to be unchanged tonight and Pearce is hoping for another wacky goal celebration from Italian striker Bernardo Corradi.

He added: "I think Bernardo takes the corner flags home with him to practise!"

**WAT AN
OFFER!****Aidy: Flop again and I'll give Sky money back**

AIDY BOOTHROYD says he will give Sky their money back if his Watford side put on another TV horror show at Manchester City tonight.

The Hornets travel to the televised clash still smarting from Tuesday's disastrous display in front of the cameras at home to Sheffield United.

Danny Webber's late winner earned the Blades victory in a scrappy encounter that must have had disgruntled viewers across the land reaching for their remote controls.

Awful

Watford boss Boothroyd admitted: "We were so poor, even I felt like switching it off. I am surprised Sky want to show us again after that. It must have been awful for people watching at home.

"If we were ever to play the way we did against Sheffield United again, I would probably give the money back to Sky."

■ **by PAUL JIGGINS**

But Boothroyd is refusing to alter his team's under-fire long-ball tactics that have won only nine points this season.

He insisted: "Most of the criticism has come from other teams who don't like playing against us because they know we won't make it easy for them.

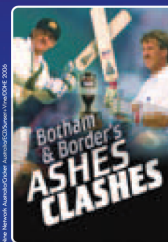
"I could get my players to play a more indirect style - to be better passers, dribblers and crossers than the opposition - but we might stay on nine points."

"To me, the players you've got decide the style and the system you play.

"It's about looking at our performances and tinkering with our car, rather than getting a new engine."

England Under-21 star Ashley Young returns to the Watford side after a bug ruled him out of the Blades defeat.

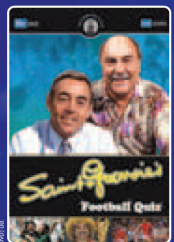
Boothroyd added: "City look like they're coming into form at the right time for them and the wrong time for us."

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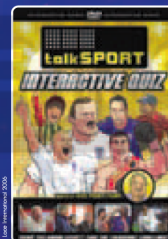
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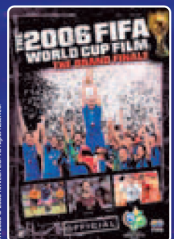
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Pot stealing is normally a perfectly legitimate tactic in poker circles but on the 28th November at the famous Thornhill Club in Toronto an armed gang tried a rather different variation. They jumped a large cash game and made off with the pot and all the wealthy players' valuables. A police chase ensued, shots were exchanged which resulted in the arrest and charging of Omar Betty, Ryan Shields and (get this) Ezra LOTTERY! The trio face 130 counts, including attempted murder of police. I guess Ezra's lucky numbers didn't come up.

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

I recall WSOP Champion Phil Hellmuth giving some good advice at the beginning of the year. In simple terms his opinion was that a good poker player played to a strategy and was able to "read" opponents well, on or offline. But he made the major point that a "great" poker player was a master of "situational analysis". This strictly means a player who can make fast judgements as to when to make good moves based on what has already occurred. In football terms Wayne Rooney would be the classic example of a master of situational analysis. He reads a game at the speed of instinct based on who's around him and what he can expect them to do. Some poker players have this almost as a gift, others develop it over time. The latter is the route to rely on and you achieve success with it by being able to swiftly categorise the "type" of player you are up against. Is he a mouse, an elephant, a lion or a jackal? This quick, animal short-hand will assist you to make that swift decision when it's needed, Rooney style.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I've been noting some of the winning names used by recent combatants in the larger prize-pool online events. "Jovial Gent" "Pimpyleen" "MoistaSmith" and "Longlegs" spring out at me immediately. I suppose the strategy is that an opponent spends so much brain-time trying to figure out why someone would want to call themselves "Pimpyleen" they lose focus. "Longlegs" does it for me. My brain would say "Baywatch" or "Desperate Housewives" and I wouldn't remember my own hole cards for at least two minutes. With hard evidence like that, it's clearly worth giving your online tag some tactical thought.

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THE ASHES: England can turn the WE'VE GOT

MATTHEW HOGGARD last night claimed England have got Australia rattled with their courageous performance in the second Ashes Test.

from MARTIN ROGERS in Adelaide

memories of their glorious triumph in 2005.

The Yorkshireman took all four wickets to fall on the third day to leave Australia 312-5 at stumps.

And Hoggard said: "It was vital we put in a good performance in this game.

Fight

"We had to show the Australians we have come to compete and not just to roll over.

"The first game did not go to plan but in this Test we have shown we are here to fight and here to compete with them.

"We have fired a shot over their

bows to say we are here and we are here to keep the Ashes.

"It won't be a massive disappointment if we don't win the game from here but to show Australia we can outplay them – in Australia as well – will help us keep putting the pressure on."

Hoggard picked up his first wicket of the day early on, forcing Matthew Hayden to nick an off-cutter to Geraint Jones.

Damien Martyn followed soon after for 11 with Ian Bell pulling off a fine catch at gully to leave Australia struggling.

But Ashley Giles missed the chance to dismiss Ricky Ponting, putting down a catch in the deep off Hoggard, and Paul Collingwood narrowly failed to run out the

Australian captain before lunch. Predictably, Ponting made the most of his let-offs, going on to post a century for the second match in a row.

By the time he nicked Hoggard into Jones' gloves, the follow-on target of 352 was within sight and the home side were back in the game.

But England kept turning the screw with Mike Hussey missing out on a ton when he played on to Hoggard for 91.

The England hero added: "It was a very satisfying performance because we knew it was going to be hard work.

"The pitch wasn't too responsive and we had to put the ball in the right areas for a lot of the time to put the pressure on the batsmen.

"We bowled well as a unit – unlike in Brisbane.

"There is a great team spirit in the camp and we don't care who gets the individual rewards."

Australia were right on top after the first Test, both in the series and in terms of confidence and spirit.

But England will draw plenty of positive energy from the way they've approached the first three days in Adelaide.

Stand

For the first time on tour, they have played with a fearlessness not seen since the home summer of 2005.

Collingwood, Kevin Pietersen and Hoggard have led the way as the team have shown they are prepared to stand up and be counted.

Yet, unless England manage to pull off a victory on the final day, coach Duncan Fletcher will come under fire.

He surprisingly left out spin wizard Monty Panesar on a pitch that turns more than most Aussie wickets.

There is already talk of who will replace Fletcher when he announces his retirement – expected to be after next year's World Cup.

Ex-Australian batsman Darren Lehmann is among the favourites and has already admitted he would relish the chance.



HOGG-ING THE LIMELIGHT: Matthew Hoggard bowls Mike Hussey nine short of a century

ADELAIDE SCOREBOARD

Overnight: England 551-6 dec (Collingwood 206, Pietersen 158, Bell 80), Australia 28-1.	
Australia First Innings	
Langer c Pietersen b Flintoff	4
Hayden c Jones b Hoggard	12
Ponting c Jones b Hoggard	142
Martyn c Bell b Hoggard	11
Hussey b Hoggard	91
Clarke not out	30
Gillespie not out	13
Extras (b2 nb7)	9
Total 5 wks (97 overs)	312
Fall: 1-3 2-35 3-85 4-257 5-286	
To: Bat: Warner, Lee, Clark, McGrath.	
Bowling: Hoggard 27-2-76-4, Flintoff 22-4-74-1, Harrison 13-4-46-0, Anderson 14-2-49-0, Giles 16-2-45-0, Pietersen 5-0-20-0.	

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- Which country is the only one to defeat the All Blacks in a rugby union international in this calendar year?
- Which opening batsman scored his 23rd Test century in the recent Ashes Test in Brisbane?
- Which tennis player, who won the 1987 Wimbledon men's singles champion, now aged 41, has lived in London for most of the last 20 years?
- Which striker scored 44 goals in the FA Cup, 39 for Liverpool, four for Chester and one for Newcastle?
- Who were England's first-ever football opponents in the final stages of the World Cup?

ANSWERS: Page 57

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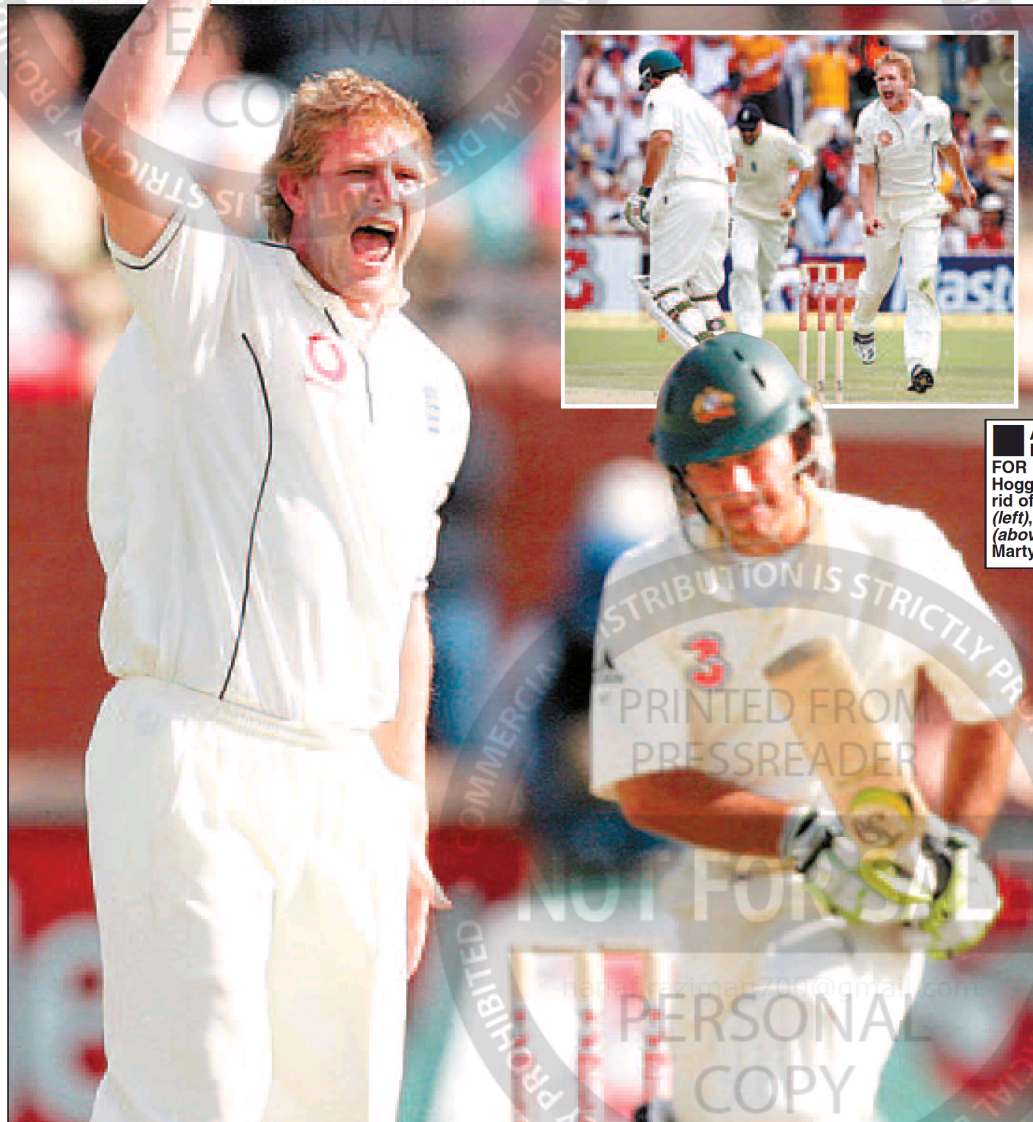
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| 8. Venue of the 1988 Summer Olympics (5) | 3. Dion, former Middlesex and New Zealand fast bowler (4) |
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| 10. Dynamo, twice winners of European Cup Winners' Cup (4) | 5. Yorkshire racecourse (9) |
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| 14. David, Ryder Cup golfer from Swindon (6) | 11. Graham, All Blacks wing forward, captain on their 1978 tour of Britain (6) |
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tables on Ponting's bully boys roars pace ace Hoggard

THEM RATTLED



A MATT FINISH FOR 'EM ALL: Hoggard gets rid of Ponting (left), Hayden (above) and Martyn (right)

Ricky runs the gauntlet

RICKY PONTING admitted his incredible run-scoring will count for nothing if Australia fail to win back the Ashes.

Ponting is the highest-ranked batsman in world cricket and his 142 in the Aussies' first innings took his tally for the series to 398 at a stunning average of 199.

But he will forever be remembered Down Under as the man who lost the Ashes last year and his captaincy has sometimes been called into question.

That is why in this series

■ by MARTIN ROGERS

Ponting is far more concerned with team success than personal glory. His impressive innings was his 33rd century in Tests, now the most by any Australian after he moved past Steve Waugh.

He is two behind the all-time mark held by Sachin Tendulkar but refused to dwell upon his personal achievements.

Ponting said: "I am not really satisfied with how it happened. We knew the second new ball would

be a really big period in the course of the game and that is when I got out.

"I don't think about personal milestones at all. I never have been one for statistics - I have always said that.

Struck

"A lot of other players carry stats around in their bags and check how they are going against other players but that is just something that has never concerned me.

"I am out there to play the

situation as best as I can for the team. Hopefully I'll make a few runs along the way.

"I think all players when they finish playing will look back and measure themselves against others.

"I have still got a few years left in me and at the end I can have a look at all that."

Ponting struck 196 and 60 not out in Brisbane and Matthew Hoggard has been the only English bowler to dismiss him in the current series.

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I'M BOSS WARNS WENGER

From Back Page
players want to play all the time. But Arsene is the boss and he's a pretty good judge."

Henry stormed out of training on Friday after Wenger told him he was out of the north London derby the following day.

It's understood the Gunners boss was furious at Henry's petulant reaction and feels the need to spell out a few hard facts to the 29-year-old.

Henry - who has been carrying a sciatic nerve problem for three months - has looked out of sorts this season and Wenger is all too aware his men have won six out of seven matches without him this campaign.

They have also won all four Champions League matches he has not featured in over the last two seasons and Henry has hit just one goal in seven this season.

Wenger was extremely cool when quizzed about Henry and his hasty exit

from the training ground. Asked after the 3-0 defeat of Spurs on Saturday if the striker's problems resulted from four hectic years, Wenger said: "I don't know. It is very difficult to explain and very difficult to speak about that before we sit down."

"We have to have a meeting and see where we go from there. Does he need a rest or not? Thierry and I have a very good relationship and I think we will have a good relationship in the future again."

Henry insisted at the weekend that although he'd been upset to not be playing he had not rowed with Wenger.

Upset

But TV pundit Alan Hansen suggested: "I've never heard of a player with a long-term injury leaving the training ground and being upset. It doesn't happen. Something has been said there and whatever it is, it's been bad."

Arsenal held a light training session yesterday, but it is understood Wenger did not call in Henry for talks. It's believed he was more concerned yesterday to see a report in which Julio Baptista complained about his lack of opportunities since signing from Real Madrid in the summer.

Wenger also had the pressing matter of planning for Wednesday's vital Champions League clash in Porto, then the league game at Chelsea on Sunday.

Henry is missing for Portugal through suspension, never mind his injury, and Tomas Rosicky (hamstring) is out and there's also a doubt over Freddie Ljungberg, who suffered a kick on the ankle on Saturday.

Arsenal on roll minus Thierry

ARSENAL have won their last four Champions League games without Henry and have only lost one (Schalke, October 2001).

They have won six of seven games this season in his absence. In the last 12 months Arsenal's record without Henry is: won 12, drawn 2, lost 3.

How Arsenal have fared when Henry has not started:

Season	W	D	L	Competition	(W/D/L)
06/07	6	0	1	CL (2/0/0) Prem (2/0/1) LC (2/0/0)	
05/06	7	3	4	CL (2/0/0) Prem (2/2/2) FAC (1/0/1) LC (2/1/0)	
04/05	9	4	2	Prem (4/1/1) FAC (3/3/0) LC (2/0/1)	
03/04	4	2	2	Prem (0/1/0) FAC (2/0/0) LC (2/1/2)	
02/03	2	1	0	Prem (0/1/0) FAC (2/0/0) LC (0/0/1)	
01/02	7	2	2	CL (0/0/1) UEFA (1/0/0) Prem (4/1/0) FAC (1/1/0) LC (2/0/1)	
Total	35	12	11		

(KEY - CL = Champions League, UEFA = UEFA Cup, Prem = Premiership, FAC = FA Cup, LC = League Cup)

OWEN'S NEW YEAR DREAM

MICHAEL OWEN expects a New Year verdict on when he can end his injury nightmare and play again.

England striker Owen hopes a January scan will clear him to step up his fitness programme and allow him to set a comeback date.

Owen tore knee ligaments during England's World Cup campaign in Germany and had career-saving surgery in America to repair damage which would have put him out of football a couple of decades ago.

Serious

He said: "At the turn of the year I have a scan then as long as everything is knitting together quite nicely we press on. I hope to start jogging in early February and then really kick on from that."

"It is a serious injury but I am playing in an era where you have got the best surgeons, the best physios and doctors. This injury would have finished you 20 years ago. It is the

■ BY GEORGE SCOTT

most serious injury you can have as a footballer. I want to come back and be better than I was."

Owen desperately wants some relief from the monotony of relentless fitness training.

He added: "Basically it is quite a grind. They have been difficult times. The one love and passion I've got outside my family has been taken away for the last few months."

"I've spent most of my time staring at four walls in a gym, walking on a treadmill with no end to it and on exercise bikes and rowing machines."

"If I am lucky, I get treated on a Wednesday to go down to the pool and do 50 lengths."

"There is still a lot of work to be done until I am back out playing but I can see light at the end of the tunnel."

"People have tried to set targets for when I will start playing again, but it really is impossible to say."

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Henry's worst display of the season

BENCH MARK:
Grim-faced boss Arsene Wenger watches as Henry takes a back seat



IT IS safe to say Thierry Henry "lost it" this weekend. He disappeared into his own world of self-importance.

Storming out of training in a sulk on Friday and then acting like the manager before, during and after Saturday's victory over Spurs was not the behaviour Arsenal are entitled to expect from their captain.

Henry is a magnificent player, one of the best foreign stars to grace English football.

He has to learn quickly, however, he is not bigger than the club.

Control

It is what Arsene Wenger will no doubt spell out to him today when the two meet to discuss injured Henry's controversial 48 hours.

There can only be one winner - and that is manager Wenger.

He is in control and Henry has to obey, superstar or not.

There has been unnecessary disruption and Henry needs to apologise to the manager and fans for taking the gloss away from the important victory over Spurs.

Walking away

from training after a disagreement with Wenger over his fitness was bad enough but what did he think he was doing on Saturday lunchtime?

In the tunnel before the game he was seen hugging team-mates in an obvious show of public support. Then he repeatedly and deliberately went on to the pitch to celebrate goals and victory.

It was the act of an embarrassed man who realised he had gone over the top by challenging Wenger on Friday and driving away from training early.

Before Saturday's match he dismissed the story only to face more embarrassment when Wenger later confirmed his captain had done a runner.

It is ironic that without kicking a ball, Henry produced his worst performance of the season. Let us hope he has learned a lesson.

That whoever you are, whatever your standing, the club and team must come first. Arsenal have enough problems this season without Henry creating more.

They are out of the Premiership race,

face a tricky Champions League tie in Porto on Wednesday and Wenger is on a misconduct charge for his touchline fight with West Ham's Alan Pardew.

Arsenal are a rebuilt team, an exciting one who know they are going to be Premiership winners again one day, maybe next season.

A young side that needs leadership - not disruption.

What kind of message did Henry give out to the younger players who idolise him when he defied Wenger? It is why the manager must rein his captain in at today's meeting.

The club fought so hard to keep Henry in the summer and gave him the most lucrative contract in their history. He must not think that because they bent over backwards to re-sign him, he can do as he pleases.

Spirit

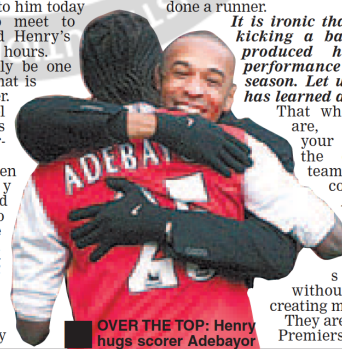
Henry has always talked of his love of the Arsenal spirit and family atmosphere, especially when he turned his back on Real Madrid and Barcelona to lead them into a new era at the Emirates Stadium.

He must not destroy that spirit with acts of such petulance.

Today's meeting should last a few moments, with Henry saying sorry and realising Wenger only makes decisions for the good of the club.

Henry must also accept that his greatest role for the team is as their leader. He needs to set the right example at all times.

Somehow this weekend he lost his way. He got it hopelessly wrong.



OVER THE TOP: Henry hugs scorer Adebayor

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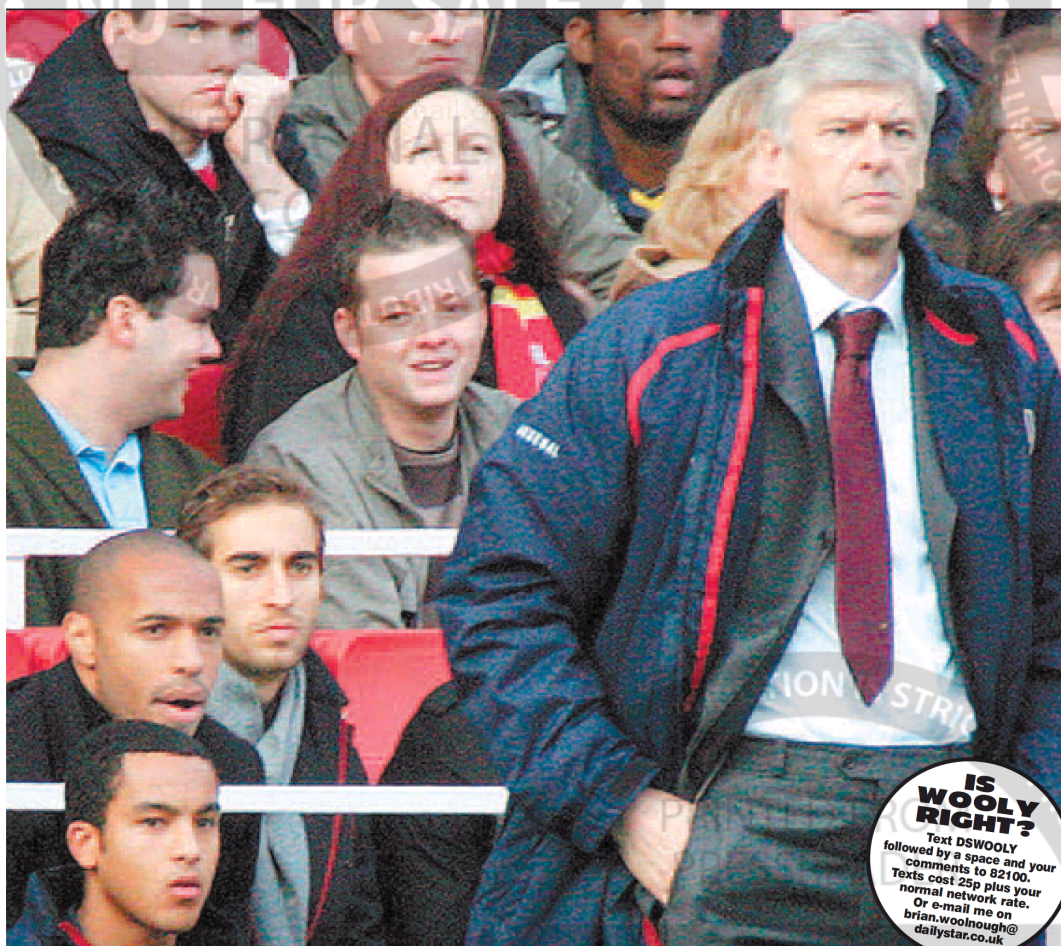
MONDAY AND SATURDAY

SIN TO HONOUR ZIN

ZINEDINE ZIDANE is on the shortlist of three to become World Footballer of the Year. Yes, the man who brought disgrace to the World Cup Final with his head but into the stomach of an opponent, is favourite to win it.

Has the game gone completely mad?
If he wins next Monday's vote in Zurich, we really have got problems. He was a wonderful player before he quit after the final, but World Footballer of the Year?

After setting the wrong example to every kid watching around the globe. Oh please, surely the game can't, can it?



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DEFOE HAS GOTTA GO

JERMAIN DEFOE has every right to believe his career lies away from White Hart Lane.

The Spurs and England striker is clearly only the third-choice striker in the eyes of manager Martin Jol.

To be dropped to the bench yet again at Arsenal was bad enough for Defoe. To only be brought on after 80 minutes was simply insulting.

Why was Defoe not introduced at half-time with Tottenham 2-0 down? To give him about 10 minutes at the end, with his side then 3-0 down, was bad decision making.

Wasted

There must be something about Defoe that only Jol knows. For never before has such a talent been wasted for so long.

Is he a bad influence in the dressing room, a moaner, what? Here is an outstanding jack-in-the-box striker, a predator, a natural-born goalscorer who is not being given a chance.

With the January transfer window approaching, Defoe will no doubt be hoping that someone out there comes for him.

Someone who appreciates him for what he is. A gifted goalscorer.

Spineless Spurs

HOW could Spurs have been so poor on Saturday against the team they so love to beat?

Arsenal went into the game with a row surrounding captain Thierry Henry and their form suspect.

It was without doubt a good time to play them.

So where was the passion and desire from Tottenham? Where was the will to win at all costs?

There was nothing from them. They were second best from start to finish. They looked an ordinary

side without the stomach for a fight.

No, it wasn't a penalty when Pascal Chimbonda clearly got the ball when Tomas Rosicky fell in the area for the second goal, although Spurs can't hide behind excuses.

They have to admit they looked like a side going nowhere.

This has been a disappointing season so far for Spurs and Saturday was their chance to prove they had turned the corner. They were shocking.

I'm not s-mitten

CAN someone tell me during this mild start to the winter why so many players are wearing gloves?

Last week against Chelsea, Nicolas Anelka of Bolton wore a short-sleeved shirt yet still pulled on his little woollen mittens.

I know we are in a world of making sure players are pampered and protected but gloves? What next?

Woolly hats? Come on lads, it's not cold yet.

LAST week, Bolton's El-Hadji Diouf said he dived deliberately to win a penalty. Everyone does it, he said.

He's right. Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo did it at Middlesbrough on Saturday and got away with it.

It's blatant cheating and is on the increase.

Mind you, players are now getting so good at disguising their con tricks.

COLLY'S A HERO ON THE QUIET

IF ENGLAND use their recovery in Adelaide as a launchpad to retain the Ashes, they can thank a real unsung hero of the team.

Fredie Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen may get the headlines and the cream but every side needs a bread and butter man.

That is Paul Collingwood, a tough character who put himself in the record books with his double hundred in the first innings of the Test.

Streak

Collingwood is a fighter, a grafter, a no-nonsense batsman and, most importantly of all, a team man through and through. Every side needs one and Colly is not interested in individual glory, just success for the team.

He has a tough streak that few can match.

He has got his head down and fought his way to the top. He has proved hard work does pay off.

Let's hope his magnificent innings of 206 was a significant turning point of the Ashes.

Information Station

FOOTBALL
Barclays Premiership
Everton (0) 2 West Ham (0) 0
Ospreys 13 Cardiff Blues 0
Vaughan 90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	16	13	2	1	35	8	41
Chelsea	15	11	2	2	25	9	35
Arsenal	15	7	4	4	25	12	24
Portsmouth	16	7	4	5	21	14	25
Liverpool	16	7	4	5	19	15	25
Reading	15	8	1	6	17	18	25
Everton	16	6	6	4	20	15	24
Aston Villa	16	5	9	2	19	15	24
Bolton	16	5	8	3	15	15	24
Fulham	16	5	8	3	16	23	20
Man City	15	5	4	6	13	17	19
Tottenham	15	5	4	6	13	19	19
Wigan	14	3	6	5	17	20	18
Blackburn	14	4	4	6	13	17	16
Middlesbrough	15	4	4	7	12	19	16
Sheffield Utd	16	4	4	8	11	20	16
West Ham	15	2	2	10	18	14	14
Newcastle	14	3	4	7	9	15	13
Watford	14	1	6	7	10	20	9
Charlton	15	1	0	11	11	29	3

FA Cup 2nd Round
Bristol City (3) 4 Gillingham (0) 3
Jewons 21, 44, 45
Shownum 64
Salisbury (0) 1 Nottm Forest (1) 1
Tubbs 61

Bank of Scotland
Scottish Premier League
Falkirk (1) 1 Rangers (0) 0
Twaddle 26

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	17	14	2	1	34	12	44
Rangers	17	8	4	5	26	18	28
Aberdeen	17	8	4	5	22	14	28
Hibernian	17	7	5	5	32	19	26
Dundee	17	7	4	6	24	27	25
Hearts	17	6	6	5	23	18	24
Falkirk	17	6	3	8	21	23	21
Inverness CT	17	4	8	5	16	20	20
Motherwell	17	3	9	5	21	29	18
St Mirren	17	4	5	8	16	23	17
Dundee Utd	17	4	5	8	16	30	17
Dunfermline	17	2	3	11	12	31	12

CRICKET
Fifth ODI - Centurion Park: India 200-9 (Tendulkar 55, Dhoni 44, Ntini 3-32), South Africa 201-1 (de Villiers 92nd, Smith 79), South Africa hit India by 9 wickets.

RUGBY UNION
Representative Match
World XV 7 South Africa 32

Saturday
EDF Energy Cup Group A
Gloucester 30 Bath 12
Gloucester - T: penalty, Batting, Merriman, Walker, Pen: Walker 2. Con: Walker 2. Bath - T: Parks, Cheeseman, Con: Malone. HT 17-5. Att: 7,453

Ospreys 34 Bristol 3
Ospreys - T: Marshall, KHook, Bennett, Walker, Williams, Pen: Hook, Con: Hook 3. Bristol - Pen: Strange, HT 10-3. Att: 6,093

Group C
Newcastle 21 Harlequins 18
Newcastle - T: Visser, Oakes, Rudd, Con: Flood 3. Harlequins - T: Thompson 2, Pen: Mehrtens 2. Con: Mehrtens, HT 14-15. Att: 3,446

Group D
Northampton 18 Leicester 5
Northampton - T: Bourett, Harding, Wyles, Pen: Myler, Leicester - T: Abraham, HT 13-0. Att: 13,058

Worcester 23 Newport 10
Worcester - T: Havill 2, Brown, Pen: Brown 2, Con: Brown, Newport - T: Flitsemann, Pen: Sweeney, Con: Sweeney, HT 13-0. Att: 5,998

Leicester 3
Leicester - T: 2 0 1 0 26 2 10
Newport 3 1 0 2 -18 0 4
Northampton 3 1 0 2 -18 0 4

Magners League
Munster 13 Connacht 0
Munster - T: Cullen, Pen: O'Garra 2. Con: O'Garra, HT 6-0. Att: 7,000

Ulster 9
Ulster - T: 1 0 1 1 16 5 21
Llanelli Scarlets 7 6 0 1 53 4 28
Leinster 9 5 1 3 45 6 28
Edinburgh 9 5 1 3 18 2 24
Ospreys 7 0 3 4 3 19

Cardiff Blues 7
Cardiff Blues - T: 4 0 3 10 2 18
Connacht 10 3 1 6 -38 4 18
Munster 9 4 0 5 -24 1 17
Newport D'ons 7 3 0 4 -17 3 15
Glasgow 9 3 0 6 -29 3 15

National League Division One: Cornish Pirates 36 Waterloo 18, Leeds 45 Newbury 13, Nottingham 35 Oley 22.

MOTOR RACING
World Rally Championship Rd.16
(Cardiff, Wales): 1. M Gronholm (Fin) Ford Shour 20mins 24secs, 2. M Stohl (Aus) Peugeot 3:22.0.3, 3. P Solberg (Nor) Subaru 3:22.0.0, 4. J-M Latvala (Fin) Subaru 3:23.0.1, 5. X Pons (Spa) Citroen 3:23.44.7, 6. C Atkinson (Aus) Subaru 3:23.52.3, 7. D Sordo (Spa) Citroen, 3:24.33.1, 8. F Duval (Bel) Skoda 3:24.47.4.

Championship: 1. S Loeb 112pts, 2. M Gronholm 111pts, 3. M Hirvonen 65pts, 4. M Stohl 54pts, 5. D Sordo 49pts, 6. P Solberg 40pts, 7. X Pons 32pts, 8. H Solberg 25pts.

Manufacturers: 1. Ford 195pts, 2. Citroen 166pts, 3. Subaru 106pts, 4. Peugeot 88pts, 5. Ford WRT 44pts, 6. Skoda 24pts.

GOLF
New Zealand Open (Auckland) - Final Round leading scores (GB & Irl unless stated - par 71): 279 N Green (Aus); 281 B Rumford (Aus); 1 Moseley (Aus); M Campbell (NZ); N Dougherty, W Ormsby (Aus); M Fraser (Aus); 282 G Chalmers (Aus); S Strange (Aus); P O'Malley (Aus); S Walefield.

Nedbank Golf Challenge 2006
(Sun City, South Africa) - Final Round (GB & Irl unless stated - par 72): 281 J Furuk (US); 278 H Stenson (Swe); 280 P Harrington; 281 E Els (RSA); 282 C Schwartzel (RSA); 286 R Gossens (RSA); 287 T Immelman (RSA); S Garcia (Spa); 288 C DiMarco (US); 291 D Howell; 292 J Olazabal (Spa); 293 C Montgomerie.

TENNIS
Davis Cup World Group Final
(Olympic Stadium, Moscow): D Nalbandian (Arg) bt N Davydenko (Rus) 6-2 6-2 4-6 6-6. M Safin (Rus) bt J Acauso (Arg) 6-3 3-6 6-3 6-7.

Russia won the Davis Cup 3-2.

BASKETBALL
BBL Championship: Chester Jets 87 Plymouth Raiders 97, Scottish Rocks 84 Leicester Riders 72.

	P	W	L	Pts
Sheffield Sharks	11	9	2	18
Milton Keynes Lions	10	7	3	14
Plymouth Raiders	11	8	3	16
Guildford Heat	7	6	1	12
Scottish Rocks	11	6	5	12
Newcastle Eagles	10	5	5	10
London United	10	5	5	10
Leicester Riders	13	9	4	9
Chester Jets	11	2	9	4
Worcester Wolves	12	1	11	2

BBL Trophy City of Edinburgh Kings 57 Newcastle Eagles 109.

BOXING
WBA Welterweight Title (Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey): M Cotto (Pur) bt C Quintana (Pur) ret 5. **WBO Welterweight Title** (Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey): A Margarito (Mex) bt J Cottoy (Gin) points. **Middleweight** (St Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Florida): J Wright (US) bt I Quinlan (Gin) points.

TODAY'S DIARY
FOOTBALL
(8pm unless stated)
Barclays Premiership
Manchester City v Watford (7.45pm).

Ryman Premier: Hendon v Bromley (7.45pm).
Unilever Premier: Gateshead v Whitby Town (7.45pm).

YOUR TURN ANSWERS
Arsenal v Fulham: Don Mackay, Boro v Man Utd: Gaizka Mendiola, Portsmouth v Villa: Nolberto Solano, Reading v Bolton: Fabian De Freitas, Sheffield U v Charlton: 1950s, Sheffield United v Charlton 3, Div 2, Sept. 1957, Wigan v Liverpool 39: Everton v West Ham: Tony Cottee.

SATURDAY'S SPORTWORLD
ACROSS: 1 Aberdeen, 6 Croft, 7 Sales, 9 Dons, 10 Jet Ski, 12 Island, 14 Worcester v Villa, 15 Upton, 16 Solano, 17 Down, 2 Bjorn, 3 Ruth, 4 Essien, 5 Nils, 6 Caddick, 8 Swindon, 11 Angela, 13 Llyall, 15 Odsal, 16 Duke.

5 FOR FUN ANSWERS
1 South Africa, 2 Justin Langer, 3 Pat Cash, 4 Ian Rush, 5 Chile.

Sven'n Macca back together

SVEN GORAN ERIKSSON was back in England on Saturday - watching a match alongside his England successor Steve McClaren.

It was just like the old times for Eriksson, who has been sacked as England head coach but continues to be paid by the FA until he finds a new job.

He sat alongside McClaren, his former assistant, watching Arsenal-Spurs at the Emirates Stadium and enjoyed a weekend in London.

"Sven was with me," revealed McClaren, who took over from the Swede as England's head coach in August following a disappointing World Cup. "I had lunch with him and he was on good form. He's waiting for the right opportunity to get back in the game."

Incey: I'm itching to Lamp 'em

From Back Page
considering locking horns with the England star.

Ince, who beat the Blues in the final of this competition for Manchester United in 1994, said: "I've been on the phone to Frank and the banter has started already."

"I was buzzing as a manager to draw Chelsea but then I started thinking that I could play."

"I'm not sure what the lads would think about me putting myself straight in for a game like that, but it's something to think about."

"This is a great draw for us but I've got to say that our main priority is to stay in the league."

Giants

While it is a personal high for the Town boss, he admits he is disappointed Jonny Brain, Andrew Teague and Jimmy McNulty will miss the game after they all suffered broken legs last week.

Ince said: "I'm just delighted for the club but your first thought is about the lads that got injured."

"But we'll take them down with us and make sure they're a big part of it. It'll help the club this year and next year and it will be great for the fans."

FA Cup holders Liverpool have been handed a third-round clash against 2005 winners Arsenal.

The two Premiership giants will meet at Anfield in the tie of the round as Rafa Benitez's men begin the defence of their trophy.

And the match will come just a fortnight after the pair meet in the quarter-finals of the Carling Cup.

There were three all-Premiership ties, with



Manchester United at home to Aston Villa, Blackburn away to Everton and Portsmouth hosting Wigan.

Conference South side Salisbury will welcome Premiership strugglers Charlton if they come through a tough replay at Nottingham Forest after their 1-1 draw yesterday.

Salisbury boss Nick Holmes said: "We have got a little job to do in 10 days' time (in the replay)."

"We've had a good game today but we need to repeat that and then we can talk about Charlton."

Tamworth's reward for beating fellow Conference side Rushden & Diamonds is a home tie against Norwich at The Lamb.

Hereford were denied the chance to claim another big FA Cup scalp when they were drawn away to either Bristol Rovers or Bournemouth.

Tricky

Tottenham, who have won the FA Cup eight times, face a tricky trip to Championship high-flyers Cardiff, while

Birmingham host Newcastle at St Andrew's.

Aldershot or Basingstoke will travel to Blackpool, while Bolton will take a trip to either Mansfield or Doncaster.

It will be a busy weekend in Sheffield, with United at home to Swansea while Wednesday host Manchester City.

Middlesbrough are away to Championship strugglers Hull and Fulham must go to Leicester.

SERIOUSLY football

Osman and Vaughan pile on the



VAUGHAN DRIVER: James Vaughan fires in the second for Everton
Pic: John Dawes

Pardew's at crisis point

From Back Page

from home, you are putting pressure on your home games - so we have got to bounce back against Wigan this week.

"I think anyone who watched us today would see there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with the spirit of the team."

"The work ethic within the group is good and we pulled together really well and we just need a break really."

Luck

"Sometimes a moment's inspiration or just a bit of luck might turn our way around quite quickly."

Everton boss David Moyes admitted his plans were thrown into crisis 24 hours before kick-off when he lost Phil Neville, Mikel Arteta and Victor

Anichebe. But the changes paved the way for youngster James Vaughan to return to the squad and claim his first goal since he became the Premiership's youngest scorer 18 months ago.

In the meantime, Vaughan was out for more than a year with a crippling knee ligament injury.

And Moyes said: "I'm not sure James would have been in the 16 if Victor had been fit."

"He has had one of the most important years of his career and has missed 14 months when you would work regularly with him to improve his game."

"It will be a slow process but he is a willing lad and he wants to train and he

wants to do well. He's probably too brave for his own good but it was great goal he scored."

"And I thought Leon Osman's finish was exceptional."

"Ossie's got that in him, although he's maybe not shown it as much as we would have liked but hopefully this is the start for him."

Incredible

"We picked up three injuries in training yesterday which was incredible and we didn't know what we were doing until 1.30 today when we knew who we had available."

"It was like Casualty yesterday. So I'm pleased with the result more than anything."

3rd ROUND DRAW

Blackpool v Aldershot or Basingstoke
Barnet v Colchester
Sheffield United v Swansea
Reading v Burnley
Portsmouth v Wigan
Mansfield or Doncaster v Bolton
West Ham v Brighton
Leicester v Fulham
Derby v Wrexham
Wolves v Oldham
Bury or Chester v Ipswich
Manchester United v Aston Villa
Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester City
Tamworth v Norwich
Salisbury or Nott'm Forest v Charlton
Cardiff v Tottenham
Preston v Sunderland
Liverpool v Arsenal
Bristol Rov or Bournemouth v Hereford
Watford v Stockport
Crystal Palace v Swindon
Bristol City v Coventry
Peterborough v Plymouth
QPR v Luton
Southend v Barnsley
West Brom v Leeds
Hull v Middlesbrough
Birmingham v Newcastle
Torquay or Leyton Orient v Southampton
Everton v Blackburn
Chelsea v Macclesfield
Stoke v Bradford City or Millwall
●Ties to be played over the weekend of January 6-7.

away-day agony as Hammers hit trouble

BARCLAYS
PREMIERSHIPEGG MUST
SHELL OUT

WEST HAM chairman Eggert Magnusson was given an early reality check as Alan Pardew's side slumped to yet another away-day defeat.

The Icelandic supremo celebrated taking control of the club by watching the Hammers beat Sheffield United at Upton Park last week.

But he was given a chilling reminder of the work that needs to be done in the East End when Everton kids Leon Osman and James Vaughan sent the Hammers back down to 17th place.

Pardew's men sit just one point above the drop zone – and, unless they find a cure for their travel sickness, they face a long, hard winter.

So far the Irons have managed just one point on the road and haven't scored away from Upton Park since August. But at least they can take heart from the fact that Carlos Tevez has stopped sulking.

The Argentine was back in the line-up following his bust-up last week after he was hauled off – and he responded with a deadly display that deserved more reward.

Tevez has clearly swallowed his pride and decided to knuckle down. He looked as though he had a point to prove as he harried and chased the Everton back-line.

Miserable

But ultimately it was Everton's very own bad boy, Andy van der Meyde, who made the difference after being unexpectedly drafted back into the side.

Last-minute injuries to Phil Neville and Mikel Arteta gave the Dutchman his first start of the season but he, more than anyone, helped Everton claim the points that move them to seventh.

The Dutch winger has had a miserable time since his £1.6m move from Inter Milan in summer 2005.

But he tormented the Hammers defence and showed he may yet have a Premiership future.

Tevez quickly took charge when he set up Lee Bowyer with a gilt-edged chance to score.

The striker skipped around Joleon Lescott as though the centre-back wasn't there before pulling the ball back for the unmarked Bowyer standing just eight yards from goal.

The ex-Newcastle man caught his first-time effort sweetly but Tim Howard, rooted to his line, somehow reacted to push the ball up and over the bar.

The save showed why the on-loan keeper has been told by Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson he could still have a future back at Old Trafford.

The US international certainly had plenty of chances to show his worth as West Ham forced 10 corners inside 30 minutes.

And he quickly produced another top-quality block to deny Tevez in the 29th minute.

Flapped

By contrast, West Ham keeper Robert Green looked shaky as he flapped at a cross when Everton finally got out of their own half.

But the England hopeful redeemed himself when Andy Johnson showed his striker's instinct when Anton Ferdinand failed to clear Howard's long punt.

The Everton striker immediately latched on to the loose ball and drilled a low drive across Green but the keeper tipped it round the post at full stretch.

That effort appeared to

by IAN WINROW
Everton... 2 West Ham... 0

have the effect of finally spurring Everton into action with van der Meyde taking the game to the Hammers.

The Dutchman appeared to be able to beat Paul Konchesky at will and began delivering a series of crosses that suddenly pushed the Hammers on to the backfoot.

Pardew's men finished the first half defending desperately but things got much worse soon after the break. James Beattie hasn't got too many

friends inside Goodison Park at the moment and the striker was jeered when he sent a hopeful shot high into the stands.

But the striker won over his critics by chasing a seemingly lost cause and pulling back a teasing cross just when the ball appeared to be heading for a goal-kick.

With James McFadden putting Jonathan Spector under pressure at the far post, the US full-back could only half-clear. And when the ball fell to Osman the

youngster showed nerves of steel to take the ball down on his chest and volley his first league goal of the season in his 100th game for the Blues.

A frown spread across Magnusson's face in the directors' box as Pardew made changes in an attempt to salvage a point.

Save

Substitute Marlon Harewood almost brought them level with a snapshot that saw Howard produce another fine save.

But Pardew could do nothing to stop it turning into another away-day to forget.

And 18-year-old Vaughan made sure of that by slotting home the second deep into added time.



OSMAN RULING:
Leon Osman
scores Everton's first

AT A GLANCE

EVERTON: HOWARD 8; Yobo 6, Stubbs 6, Lescott 7, Valente 6; Van der Meyde 8 (Vaughan 72), Osman 8 (Weir 82), Carsley 6, McFadden 5; Johnson 7, Beattie 6 (Hughes 90). Subs: Wright, Hughes, Vidarsson.

WEST HAM: Green 5; Spector 6 (Mascherano 84), Ferdinand 6, Collins 6, Konchesky 5; Bowyer 5 (Sheringham 69, 5), Mullins 7, Reo-Coker 7, Etherington 6; TEVEZ 8, Zamora 5 (Harewood 69, 5). Subs: Kiraly, McCartney.

REFEREE: M Atkinson.

PINT RATING:

FIVE KEY MOMENTS:

18mins: Tim Howard pulls off a wonder save to deny Lee Bowyer.

28: Andy Johnson finally kicks Everton into life with an instinctive shot that Robert Green does well to beat away.

29: Howard once again comes to Everton's rescue, diving full length to deny Carlos Tevez.

52: Leon Osman shows a cool head to latch onto Jonathan Spector's header and hammer Everton into the lead.

90: James Vaughan makes a bad day even worse for the Londoners with Everton's second.

YOUR TURN: Which former Hammer was Everton's top scorer for five seasons in the late 1980s and 1990s?

Kop in
£450m
Sheik
shock

■ by DAVE LYONS

LIVERPOOL are on the brink of a new era with a £450m takeover that will help the club towards a 60,000-capacity stadium.

Dubai International Capital will begin a period of due diligence this week after being given exclusive rights to scrutinise the club's books.

A firm proposal will then be made with an agreement set to be announced after Christmas with the company, which is the international investment arm of the Dubai government-owned Dubai Holdings.

It is understood DIC have beaten off interest from four other parties and will become the latest foreign owners of a Premiership club.

Value

DIC could pay around £4,500 per share, putting the five-times European Cup winners' value at just over £170m.

Chairman David Moores has a 51 per cent stake but it is expected he will dilute his holding to 10 per cent while continuing in a figurehead role.

DIC will fund the £200m move from Anfield to a new Stanley Park arena and reduce the club's £80m debts.

They are owned by the billionaire Al Maktoum family, best known for their Godolphin horse racing enterprise. Last year DIC bought Madame Tussauds for £800m.

■ **RAFA BENITEZ** is considering leaving Steven Gerrard, Jose Reina and Steve Finnan at home when they fly to Istanbul for tomorrow's Champions League clash with Galatasaray in the Ataturk Stadium, where they won the trophy in 2005.

Liverpool are already guaranteed top spot in Group C.

Milan's
fuming

MILAN MANDARIC has dismissed as "absolute rubbish" suggestions he is still the co-owner of Portsmouth while trying to negotiate a deal to take charge of Leicester City.

Reports claim that Mandaric is still owed much of the £15m Russian-born businessman Sacha Gaydamak agreed to pay for complete control at Fratton Park.

FA rules forbid anyone from having a major stake in one club while owning more than 10 per cent of another. But Mandaric is adamant there are no wrongdoings.

The Serb insisted: "I don't know where this has come from, but it is ridiculous."

"I am no longer connected to Portsmouth, so these suggestions are absolute rubbish."

Southgate raps 'cheat' Ronaldo



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SPECIAL ONE v GUV'NOR



Incey's itching to play

by DUNCAN WRIGHT

PAUL INCE is ready to pit his wits against Frank Lampard after Macclesfield were handed a plum FA Cup third-round tie at Chelsea. Former England international Ince will be eligible to play for the League's bottom club at the start of January and 'The Guv'nor' is already relishing the chance to take on 'The Special One' - Blues chief Jose Mourinho. Macclesfield boss Ince has already been in touch with Lampard to start the banter - but now he is

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WIZARD OF OS: Leon Osman wheels away after hitting the opener



Pard: I'm at crisis point

by IAN WINROW

Everton.....2 West Ham..0

ALAN PARDEW admitted West Ham's away-day problems are reaching crisis point after his side once again failed on their travels at Everton. But the Hammers boss insisted his side just need a stroke of luck to end the slump that has left them on the edge of the Premiership drop zone. Pardey said: "We had a lot of positives but it's points that we need and we can't take our focus away from that. When you don't take points away

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SHAPE UP HENRY



Wenger will lay down law in showdown with bust-up star

EXCLUSIVE by DAVID WOODS

ARSENE WENGER will hold clear-the-air talks with skipper Thierry Henry to spell out who's the boss at Arsenal.

Wenger wants Henry to know in no uncertain terms that it's he and his medical staff who will decide if and when he is fit

to play. Last night Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood explained: "I think Henry's having a conversation with the manager. "He wants to play every match but from what I can gather

Arsene doesn't think he's in absolutely tip-top shape and he is going to have a chat.

"I don't think it is a particularly serious matter but I think these

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WATCH IT: Wenger has warned Henry, pictured looking on from the sidelines at Arsenal on Saturday